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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

Patentee requests correction of U.S. Patent No. 6,746,286 issued on June 8, 2004.

Enclosed is a Certificate of Correction indicating certain errors in the issued patent

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REMARKS

Patentee points out that the above-identified patent issued without certain amendments made to claims 1, 11 and 13 that were submitted in an Amendment under rule 1.312 on April 28, 2004. Applicants submitted the Amendment under rule 1.312 to correct several errors made in an Examiner's Amendment of March 29, 2004.

Specifically, the undersigned attorney and the Examiner Truc T.T. Nguyen participated in an interview on March 17, 2004. An agreement was reached on certain amendments in claims 1, 11, and 13. It was agreed that the changes would be made by an Examiner's Amendment. An Examiner's Amendment was mailed on March 29, 2004. However, the amended claims as retyped in the Examiner's Amendment contained numerous errors. In fact, there were so many errors that correcting the claims as typed in the Examiner's Amendment was not practical. The undersigned attorney called Examiner Nguyen on April 28, 2004 and explained the situation. It was agreed that Applicant would submit a Rule 1.312 Amendment to place the claims in the correct form.

The amendments to claims 1, 11, and 13 shown in the Rule 1.312 Amendment were the ones agreed to in the March 17, 2004 interview and are the same amendments that were attempted to be entered in the Examiner's Amendment. Applicant made minor grammatical changes in the newly-added phrase at the end of the amended claims to correct the errors. For example, "spring being spaced" was changed to -spring is spaced-. Also, "contacts to busbar" was changed to -contacts the busbar-.

Applicant also points out that all of the matters referred to herein, including the March 17, 2004 interview and the March 29, 2004 Examiner's Amendment were raised by the Patent Office after the August 12, 2003 Notice of Allowance and after the payment of the Issue Fee by

applicant on October 22, 2003. Accordingly, it was not possible for Applicant to submit the Rule 1.312 Amendment prior to payment of the Issue Fee. Applicant notes that the Examiner indicated in an Office Action of June 3, 2004 that the amendment under rule 1.312 filed by Applicant on April 28, 2004 was considered and entered.

Applicant does not believe that a fee is required since the nature of the mistake in the issued patent is attributable to an error by the Patent Office for failing to incorporate the amendments made in the Rule 1.312 Amendment, which the Examiner acknowledged to be considered and entered. However, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1039.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the claims:

**Claim 11, at the end of the claim after "busbar;" insert the following paragraph:**

**"wherein the pressure spring is spaced from the busbar such that no part of the pressure spring contacts the busbar."**

**Claim 13, at the end of the claim after "busbar;" insert the following paragraph:**

**"wherein the pressure spring is spaced from the busbar such that no part of the pressure spring contacts the busbar."**

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